

## **Suggested Regions**

As we grow Rise (or as Rise, rises) we need to establish some sort of regional structure with branches underpinning them. Here are my thoughts on the subject.

A 'branch' can be a town/city within a region. It doesn't necessarily have to be a 'constituency' but it might be helpful if it was. I don't propose we slavishly observe Labour and the Resistance models for regions. Branches which cover towns/cities give us members who can work together for campaigning purposes and this will be helpful in towns where there is a split constituency, but a smaller number of active members.

I would want to activate a branch once we've passed 10, or 15 members in that town or city. There would be an exception to this, where we're presented with a very keen member who wants to organise and do things, but we've not got to the trigger number.

I think, then, we would get to that number quicker by establishing a branch with someone enthusiastic steering things as they'd be recruiting people quickly. So we should never discount starting branches before we have 10/15 members.

I've listed county council and unitary council areas for England, Scotland and Wales below.

I think we should establish regions as follows:

### **England**

North West (Blackburn, Blackpool, Cheshire, Cheshire East, Cheshire West & Chester, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Halton, Handforth, Lancashire, Merseyside Liverpool etc & Warrington)

North East (County Durham, Darlington, Durham, East Riding, East Yorkshire, Hartlepool, Hull, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, NE Lincolnshire Council, Northumberland, North Yorkshire, Redcar & Cleveland, South Yorkshire CA, Stockton, Sunderland, City of York & West Yorkshire CA)

Eastern (Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Lincolnshire, Luton, Norfolk, North Lincolnshire, Peterborough & Suffolk)

West Midlands (Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Stoke on Trent, Telford & Wrekin, Warwickshire, W Mids CA & Worcestershire)

East Midlands (Derby, Derbyshire, Leicester, Leicestershire, North Northamptonshire, West Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Nottingham & Rutland)

South Central (Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole, Hampshire, Portsmouth (Havant), Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire, Southampton & Swindon)

South East (Bracknell Forest, Brighton & Hove, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, London, Medway, Milton Keynes, Reading, Slough, Southend, Surrey, Thurrock, West Sussex, West Berkshire, Windsor & Maidenhead & Wokingham)

South West (Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, North Somerset, Plymouth, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Torbay & Wiltshire)

## **Scotland**

East (Clackmannanshire, Edinburgh, East Lothian, Falkirk, Fife, Midlothian, Perth & Kinross, Stirling & West Lothian)

North (Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Angus, Dundee, Highland, Moray, Na h-Eileanan Siar, Orkney Islands & Shetland Islands)

South (Dumfries & Galloway, Scottish Borders)

West (Argyll & Bute, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, North Ayrshire, Glasgow, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire & West Dunbartonshire)

## **Wales**

Mid Wales (Ceredigion & Powys)

North Wales (Anglesey, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd & Wrexham)

South Wales (Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, City of Cardiff, Caerphilly, Carmarthenshire, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Neath Port Talbot, Newport, Pembrokeshire, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Swansea, Torfaen & Vale of Glamorgan)